

TUC hears of Labour's hopes for return to intervention

Kinnock plan for future has echo of past

Mr Kinnock called for a return to consensus politics and pledged the creation of a million jobs

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday held out the prospect of a return to the interventionist political and economic policies of the 1960s and 1970s as he laid the proposals for a future Labour government before the TUC annual conference in Brighton.

Unions in talks for super alliance

By Our Political Reporter

Leaders of moderate trade unions yesterday held secret talks aimed at forming a conglomerate of 1.8 million members, eclipsing even the left-dominated Transport and General Workers Union, the country's biggest.

The meeting during the Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton was set up by Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic and Plumbing Trade Union.

Russians say 79 dead, 319 lost in cruise liner

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Official figures supplied yesterday by the Soviet Government confirmed that the dramatic sinking of a crowded cruise liner, the Admiral Nakhimov, in the Black Sea was the worst disaster in recent Soviet maritime history, with 79 people killed and a further 319 still missing.

Although the massive rescue operation involving military helicopters and divers was still continuing more than 36 hours after the liner sank with a total of 1,234 passengers and crew on board, Soviet experts held out scant hope for any those still unaccounted for being found alive.

Details of the grim casualty toll were given at a special news conference by Mr Leonid Nedyak, Deputy Minister at the Maritime Fleet Ministry. He said that the 50-year-old liner had sunk within 15 minutes after hitting a Soviet cargo ship at 11.15 pm on Sunday night.



Mr Kinnock hammering home a point yesterday.

Tomorrow

Lucky Kingsley



The Times Profile: Kingsley Armit, still angry after all these years?

Portfolio Gold

Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in the Times Portfolio Gold competition was won outright by Miss R Weller of Exeter, Devon.

Young voters will not bother

More than a quarter of young people who have reached voting age since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979 say that they will not vote in the next election.

Vaccine trial

Vaccine trials to prevent liver cancer were described as "a landmark in medicine" at the British Association's meeting, which also heard a prediction that an Aids vaccine would soon be ready.

Pay cuts row

Mr John Macreadie, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, has sparked a row by demanding that two of his senior staff take pay cuts of more than £80 a week.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, and other categories with corresponding page numbers.

Moderate unions increase control

By Tim Jones

Moderate union leaders yesterday consolidated their control over the TUC when Mr Roy Evans, a veteran left-winger and former chairman of the congress, was voted off the body's policy making General Council.

Interest rate cut hopes fade

By David Smith

Stronger growth in other countries may rule out lower interest rates in Britain. Figures released in Bonn yesterday showed industrial production recovering sharply.

Brittan cleared of phone tap abuse

By David Smith

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Home Secretary acted within his powers when he ordered a CND official's telephone to be tapped, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Bonuses for NHS managers

By Jill Sherman

Top managers in the National Health Service will be offered bonus payments for good performance under new Department of Health guidelines published yesterday.

SDP money-raiser from old royalties

By David Smith

The Social Democratic Party wants to cash in on Shakespeare and Chaucer. The party's plans for the arts published yesterday proposed that the Exchequer should have the right to claim royalties on works that have come into the public domain.

Burglars kill dinner party of 5

By Michael Horsnell

The charred remains of a elderly couple and three of their staff were discovered in a country house in Hampshire yesterday morning. The five, who had been strangled, were attacked by burglars during a dinner party.

Crime profits net to be extended

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Criminals who reap large profits from crime are likely to be subject to extensive new legal powers designed to deprive drug traffickers of the proceeds of their deals.

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# Officers act to restore force morale in Stalker aftermath

By Peter Davenport

Controlling Labour councillors on the Greater Manchester Police Authority are to hold an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss ways of improving force morale in the wake of the Stalker Affair.

Formal questioning of Mr James Anderson, the chief constable, about details of his private life, associations and use of police facilities, despite expected opposition from more moderate colleagues.

He challenged anyone with evidence of misconduct, to supply details to the clerk and the chairman of the police authority.

## Police move into riot area to recruit blacks

By Craig Seton

West Midlands police have launched a drive to recruit black officers in Handsworth, Birmingham, a year after rioting in the inner city area left two people dead and damage estimated at £16 million.

When experienced local officers delivered 8,500 recruiting leaflets to houses in Handsworth, where an estimated 50 per cent of the population is Asian or black.

A police recruiting van moved into Handsworth yesterday and tomorrow will be at Villa Cross, the flashpoint for last September's riots.

Chief Inspector Keith Newell, the force's recruiting officer, said it was a coincidence that the campaign had started on the eve of the first anniversary of the riots, when white, black and Asian youths fire-bombed and looted more than 30 shops.

The Handsworth campaign is part of a long-term drive throughout the West Midlands, which has doubled the number of applications to join the police from black and Asian people.

Chief Inspector Newell said: "If there was going to be trouble then I think last week would have been the week, when the team were out delivering leaflets, but there was not a single problem. We are very pleased with the way it is going."

The inspector said there had been no trouble last week

only about 105 of the force's 6,500 officers are from the ethnic population, but the number of formal applications from black and Asian people to become West Midlands officers has increased from only 79 in 1982 to 239 this year. The number of inquiries this year has doubled to 719

## Miners' strike bill Counties demand payment

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Angry county police authorities are pressing for payment of money they say is outstanding for the aid given to the Derbyshire force during the miners' strike.

£2.6 million was the bill for aid by other authorities.

Lincolnshire has threatened to stop helping other police forces in times of emergency and Devon and Cornwall has decided to take legal action.

He has told Mr Hurd: "If nothing can be done this time, will you please change the rules of the game for the future, so that the kind of political posturing Derbyshire indulged in does not have this unfortunate effect in the future. Otherwise, I am afraid that authorities like Lincolnshire will be most reluctant to see mutual aid provided again to authorities like Derbyshire."

Derbyshire admitted yesterday it owed money in various quantities to nine of the 30 authorities which gave aid. "We still owe Cambridge £330,000, Merseyside £179,000 and West Midlands £149,000."

Devon and Cornwall said yesterday it received £4.5 million last September as the main payment and another £250,000 in June for administrative expenses. But it was now claiming £650,000 in outstanding interest charges.

Derbyshire decided at the start of the dispute that the cost of policing was a government responsibility and should be borne by it. In the end, a Derbyshire spokesman said yesterday, it paid the bills only after the Government had decided to meet the lion's share of them.

The Association of County Councils said yesterday it was supporting a number of counties pursuing the issue.

The total cost of policing the dispute in Derbyshire was £31.6 million, of which

done to remedy the injustice.

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Mrs Diana Lamplugh at the Thames Television studios yesterday with her daughter, Tamsin, and Susannah's boyfriend, Adam Leegood.

## Torso link devastated mother

By Angella Johnson and Michael Horsnell

The mother of missing estate agent Susannah Lamplugh yesterday said she was devastated when people began to speculate that the headless body found in East Sussex might be her missing daughter.

## Macreadie call on pay upsets staff

By Tim Jones

Militant supporter Mr John Macreadie, fighting to keep his job as general secretary of Britain's largest Civil Service union, has caused another dispute by demanding two senior staff should take pay cuts of more than £80 a week each.

their members, and remain on his £16,000 salary rather than accept the £22,000 general secretary salary.

His instruction was strongly resisted by the two men and thrown out by the union's moderate-controlled national executive.

The design of this airplane will be driven by the needs of the passenger - comfort, speed and low ticket prices.

Mr Macreadie defeated Mr Ellis in an election to become general secretary but has not been allowed to take up the position until an inquiry into alleged branch voting irregularities is over.

"We are trying to run an aircraft factory, not a political propaganda machine."

After his victory, Mr Macreadie said he would fall into line with Tendency policy, which says union leaders should not be paid more than

"It is terribly important for the future of Shorts because people raise doubts about whether they should deal with us while we participate in these activities."

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van were ready to be driven the mile to the border with South Armagh where they would have been used to attack police stations or Army posts.

## Police foil IRA plot to bomb security posts

By Richard Ford

A Provisional IRA plot to mortar bomb security force bases on the border was foiled yesterday when police in the Irish Republic discovered a van loaded with missiles.

Seventeen months ago, the Provisional IRA killed nine RUC officers in a mortar bomb attack on a police station at Newry, Co Down.

The weapons were found by anti-terrorist squad detectives in a search of an isolated farm at Kilcurry, near Dundalk, during which a van with its roof sawn off was found parked in an outbuilding.

Irish army bomb disposal experts made safe the devices as police carried out a search in an effort to find where the missiles were made.

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van were ready to be driven the mile to the border with South Armagh where they would have been used to attack police stations or Army posts.

## Waste dumping Legal delays stall import of hazardous cargo



Mr James Leather with a sample of waste after processing, and the Cory plant at Thurrock (Photograph: James Gray).



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Britain's largest importer of toxic waste is facing weeks of legal argument over a shipment of 3,500 tons of industrial sludge salvaged from the North Sea.

Nirex beats the blockade. Anti-nuclear protesters were last night strengthening their blockades at four proposed nuclear dumping sites after engineers employed by Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, slipped through an unguarded entrance at Elstow, Bedfordshire, under cover of darkness.

Cory Waste Management's general manager, Mr Jeremy Leathers, said that before the Olaf sank, the shipment had not required a licence and it was a matter of debate whether it did now.

Mr Jerry Fitch, chairman of the Bedfordshire Against Nuclear Dumping organization, said it was inevitable that Nirex would eventually get on to the site after a "two-week cat and mouse game."

His company turns the waste into a safe concrete-like sludge which is then dumped at its landfill site in Mucking, Essex. "After three days you can walk on the material, after 28 days you can put a 16-ton truck on it," he said.

He said Nirex engineers would be allowed to drill on the site only between 7 am and 7 pm, according to a special government development order.

The company is a member of the Ocean Transport and Trading group which was the subject last week of a £258 million takeover bid by a New Zealand businessman, Mr Ron Brierley.

Surprised protesters found the equipment at 6 am yesterday, when they arrived to set up the morning blockade. Spokesmen for the four main anti-nuclear dumping ac-

## Meningitis kills boy aged nine in Fife

Health officials yesterday appealed to the parents of 80,000 children in Fife, Scotland, not to panic after the death from meningitis of a second boy in the region this year.

The boy, aged nine, from Glenrothes, was suffering from the same strain of meningitis, group B, which has caused outbreaks throughout Britain, most notably in Stroud, Gloucestershire; and for which there is no vaccine.

A boy, aged 12, from North-East Fife, died of meningitis in February.

The second death brings the total of cases in the area so far this year to 12, three times the annual average.

All the sufferers have been children.

Dr Harden Carter, specialist in community medicine for the Fife Health Board, said letters were being sent to the parents of all 80,000 children in the area explaining that recovery was almost guaranteed if a meningitis sufferer is treated as soon as symptoms appear. These were a sudden fever and a severe headache, stiffness of the neck and a skin rash.

"It is not an epidemic," Dr Carter said. "If parents are concerned they should get in touch with the family doctor. What we are trying not to do here is to cause panic. We want parents to be vigilant and the medical profession to respond quickly to requests for help."

Health officials in Gloucestershire said yesterday that they were planning to test 6,000 people for meningitis in Stonehouse, Stroud, where three people have died of the disease.

## Thirty hurt in coach crash

Thirty passengers were injured, two of them seriously, yesterday when their coach left the road and plunged down an embankment in Newton Stewart.

The Western Scottish coach was bound from Birmingham to Stranraer where it was to board the ferry to Larne, Northern Ireland, when the accident happened in the early hours of yesterday morning.

## Ambassador is to leave

Mr Vasile Gliga, the Romanian Ambassador to Britain, is relinquishing his appointment a month after his wife was accused of shoplifting.

Mr Gliga has told the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that he will be leaving London within about 10 days. Under the rules covering diplomatic immunity there would have been no question of a prosecution for Mrs Veturia Gliga, who, it is alleged, stole a £4 pair of scissors.

## August worst for 23 years

London had the coldest August since 1963, with the night of August 29 being the coldest since 1940, according to figures released yesterday by the London Weather Centre.

Throughout the month, England and Wales experienced a 50 per cent increase in rainfall, and a 20 per cent decline in sunshine compared with previous years, making August one of the wettest since records began.

## Printers win fight over jobs

Ten printers who claimed unfair dismissal by Robert Maxwell's Odhams Sun printers have won their cases, a Woburn Place tribunal has ruled.

## Comedian's wife charged

The wife of Mike Reid, a comedian, was charged with threatening behaviour yesterday over a fight that is alleged to have occurred after a court dropped a charge against her son, aged 20, of having unlawful sex with a girl of 13.

## Jab girl dies

Halima Ali, aged 10, of Warley, in the West Midlands, died at the Sandwell District Hospital yesterday after a wrong injection had left her unconscious for three years.

Table with exchange rates for various countries including Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, and USA.





BRITISH ASSOCIATION Cancer vaccines • Childbirth procedures • Transplant operations

Vaccine trials to beat liver cancer hailed as medical landmark

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first attempt to prevent one of the common human cancers by vaccination was described as "a landmark in medicine" by Professor Arne Zuckerman, one of the scientists involved, to a meeting of the Biomedical Sciences section of the British Association, in Bristol yesterday.

He gave details of an international trial organized by the World Health Organization, to halt liver cancer caused by hepatitis B virus.

The World Health Organization was also recommending to the Department of Health in Britain, and other governments, the routine vaccination of the population at risk of contracting hepatitis B infection, he said. That included doctors, nurses, ambulance men, paramedical staff, public health workers, policemen and firemen, as well as drug addicts and prostitutes.

The preparation for neutralizing the hepatitis B infection was the most advanced piece of research from a number of results presented to the association for vaccines to prevent virus-induced can-

cers, and to give immunity against Aids.

More than 25 per cent of cancers are now thought to be induced by viruses.

The new protective compounds share a common characteristic. They have become possible only because of advances in genetic engineering, which makes it feasible for naturally-occurring, or chemically-synthesized, version molecules to be extracted from one organism and spliced into another.

In the case of hepatitis B, the scientists isolated a protein molecule from the coating of the virus. That particle was enough to provide protection, because when introduced into people, it stimulated the defence system just as if infection had occurred with the whole virus.

The molecule was incorporated into the vaccine used normally to safeguard against smallpox.

Professor Zuckerman, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said primary liver cancer was one of the 10 most common cancers in the world, with more than 250,000 new cases

each year. The average survival time was only three to four months, and infection with that virus resulted in up to 80 per cent of patients contracting cancer.

The most startling prediction to the meeting came from Professor Bill Jarrett, of the University of Glasgow Veterinary School. He forecast that a vaccine should be ready in three to four years to prevent Aids.

Professor Jarrett pioneered the development of a vaccine that protected cats against leukaemia. He was invited into the international medical research effort on Aids because his work on feline leukaemia involved a similar sort of retrovirus to that which causes Aids.

One of the achievements in his animal work was that infected cats also recovered by treatment after infection.

Scientists have been baffled how to approach vaccination against Aids because the disease causes the body's immune system to collapse. There is nothing for a vaccination to stimulate to produce the normal protection in the form of antibodies.



Mrs Savage addressing the Bristol conference yesterday. She says thousands of women and babies are at risk because of unnecessary interventions by doctors.

Savage attack on doctors over birth 'tragedies'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors may be putting thousands of women and their babies at risk and wasting many millions of pounds by unnecessary child birth interventions and procedures, Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician, said yesterday.

Women and children were suffering because doctors were pursuing "an unattainable goal" of zero mortality in childbirth, she said.

"That pursuit can cause tragedies for thousands of women who are subjected to unnecessary interventions" she told sociologists.

There was no evidence that ultra-sound scanning saved babies' lives, but as many as 80 per cent of pregnant women were routinely scanned at a cost to the National Health Service of about £12.5 million a year, she said.

Mrs Savage, a leading campaigner for natural childbirth, is due to return to her post in an east London hospital in two weeks after being cleared of charges of professional incompetence. She had been suspended for 15 months.

She called yesterday for women to fight to remove the power that obstetricians held over them. Only 1 per cent of women now had their babies at

home rather than in hospital, but there was no evidence that hospital deliveries were safer, she said.

By treating every pregnancy as an illness many obstetricians were destroying the "exciting and thrilling experience" of childbirth, she said.

Women were being given the idea that childbirth was becoming more and more technical, with the result that doctors had almost complete power of deciding how and where the birth should take place.

Mrs Savage called for an increased role for midwives, for changes in the training and appointment of consultant obstetricians and for more research on the safety of different options for childbirth.

Dr Linda Ward, of the Department of Mental Health at Bristol University, told the conference that the opinions of the medical profession "continue to outweigh the views or rights of ordinary women" in fertility control.

Scientific and technical advances in reproduction and fertility control were being achieved outside the control of the women themselves, she said.

Saving life must be 'costed' for NHS

New medical procedures aimed at saving lives should not be funded by the National Health Service until their costs and benefits have been properly evaluated, a leading researcher said yesterday (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Although the heart transplant programmes have been assessed, there are "enormous and quite unacceptable gaps" in many other medical areas, Mr Martin Buxton said.

"It is not acceptable any longer to ignore information on costs or benefits where such information exists and to revert to emotional appeal, rhetoric or political expediency," he said.

Mr Buxton, senior research fellow in health economics at Brunel University, led a study published last year into the heart transplant programmes in Britain.

The study showed that surgery costs have fallen substantially while the length of patients' survival after the operation has significantly increased.

But heart transplantation was an exception, he said. "Liver transplantation, for example, has never been subjected to economic evaluation."

Threat of rabies for Britain

By Our Science Correspondent

Britain could face an epidemic of rabies that would spread through the country at a rate of more than a mile a week, an expert said yesterday.

Although the "particularly horrifying disease" would apparently vanish after its first wave, it would re-emerge in some areas every six years, Professor James Murray said.

The rabies epidemic sweeping through Europe has effectively reached the northern coast of France, mostly spread by foxes, he said. Predicting that it will probably affect Britain, Professor Murray said:

"The resulting problem will be particularly serious here because of our high density of foxes, both urban and rural, and domestic dogs and cats."

The disease would probably enter Britain through the illegal importation of an affected animal, he said. If the disease was introduced in Southampton it might reach as far north as Manchester in about three-and-a-half years, Professor Murray, director of the Centre for Mathematical Biology at Oxford University, said.

One method of stopping the spread would be by creating a rabies "break" ahead of the front, scattering meat impregnated with rabies vaccine in fox territory. That would reduce the unprotected fox population to a level below the threshold for an epidemic to exist, he said.

Professor Murray's department calculated the rate of spread of the disease by analysing the numbers of foxes in Britain. The main epidemic front would move at speeds of about 100 kilometres (62½ miles) a year, he said.

The vaccination project would be preferable to the widespread slaughter of foxes, he said.

Back to hippos in Leeds

By Our Science Editor

Man-made pollution of the atmosphere could cause a return to the days when the hippopotamuses roamed north of Leeds or when polar bears swam in the Thames.

The evidence that those creatures existed in Britain - when the weather was hot enough for the hippo 120,000 years ago and cold enough for the polar bear only 18,000 years ago - was outlined by Dr John Fleinley, of Hull University, to geologists meeting at the British Association in Bristol.

He was talking about the changes in the animal and plant populations of the past two million years, which included dramatic periods when extinctions of many species occurred.

He said some changes, especially the extinction of large animals, could be explained by climatic change. But there was growing evidence that man had a hand in those extinctions.

The world's "megafauna", which embraced mammoths, giant deer, giant kangaroos and giant emus, did not, as previously thought, lose their food supply, they became one.

It was possible to unravel 20 complete cycles of temperature change in the past two million years, each climatic cycle lasting about 100,000 years.

While the cause for the cycles was uncertain, changes in the Earth's orbit might have had a prime effect. But the conditions were exaggerated by other mechanisms.

"It is an extremely sobering thought that we are at present interfering with one of those mechanisms, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, by burning fossil fuels then destroying the rain forests."

While Dr Fleinley was interpreting the geological evidence, a group of scientists from the Meteorological Office explained that the temperature at the surface of the Earth would be 30 C colder were it not for the gases in the atmosphere.

St Mark's inquiry

Diocese defends plan for church restaurant

Plans by Garfunkels, the fast-food chain, to turn a disused church into a restaurant were defended on the first day of a public inquiry in central London yesterday.

Conservationists fear the scheme will destroy the Italian-style nineteenth-century interior of St Mark's Church, North Audley Street, Mayfair.

The church, empty since 1976, is owned by the Church of England's London diocese, which favours the conversion.

Mr David Mole, on behalf of the diocese, denied that the scheme would ruin the church's Regency architecture.

"Very few changes of significance are proposed. What is important and valuable in this building will be retained and enhanced," he said.

The church was now very dilapidated and in need of repair work estimated at £290,000.

He denied that the church would become a hamburger joint if the plans were accepted. "Garfunkels propose

restaurant at the top end of the market and they feel it should not be too large."

Conservationists fear the restaurant will increase the volume of traffic, injure resident amenities and intrude into the local environment.

"This is not a silken backwater or some rural area," Mr Mole said. "This site is 100 yards from Oxford Street, and I am sure there are noisier places but it would take time to think of one."

The diocese considered the church was unsuitable for use by other Christian religions, Mr Mole added.

"This church represents an asset to the diocese, which needs to make the most of what assets it has."

St Mark's, which is a grade-one listed building, was used by the American church for two years after it closed in 1974.

On Friday the inquiry will hear objections by individual groups including Save Britain's Heritage, English Heritage, The Mayfair Residents' Association and

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S greeted COMMENTARY Geoffrey Smith Authority call will received

Pilot had heart attack before mid-air crash which claimed 85 lives

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The pilot of the small plane which ploughed into the rear of an Aero Mexico airliner on Sunday...



Mr William Kramer: alleged pilot of the small plane

"We don't know the exact timing or severity of the attack or whether it rendered him unconscious...

Although the identity of the pilot and his two women passengers was not disclosed...

The death toll stood at 85 yesterday, including 58 passengers and six crew on the DC 9...

Fifteen of the dead were unearthed on Monday night from the charred rubble...

listed as "officially missing". Federal officials said that it appeared that the Piper broke off the DC 9's horizontal stabilizer...

What has made the search difficult for rescuers is that the bodies, many of them dismembered, were scattered over a very large area.

Yesterday the traffic controller in charge of the board at Los Angeles airport at the time of the collision was taking what officials term "a routine drug test".

There was also speculation here that the pilot of the Piper may have wandered into the airliner's path while the controller was warning off a second small plane from the DC 9's landing path.

On the slow train to Jaffna Fragile link opens up again

From Michael Hamlyn, Jaffna

In March, I took what proved to be the last train from Colombo, the Sri Lanka capital, to this, the capital of the Northern Province.

then the tangled thornbush jungle of the dry zone.

At Medawachchiya, about 30 miles short of Vavuniya, the train halted for a long, long wait.

From then onwards, the train travelled only as far as Vavuniya, the last outpost of Sinhalese settlement before the country becomes wholly dominated by the Tamils...

On the day last week that I was due to go north again, the authorities announced that for the first time the train would continue beyond Vavuniya.

When I went to buy a ticket the day before, however, no one seemed to have told the clerk about the extension to the journey...

Two places just outside the town, blowing up culverts to make sure nothing moved farther north than that.

Afterwards he will take part in a seminar on youth unemployment and visit British businesses in the Boston area.

Swiss find no gas threat in Cameroon

Fears of another volcanic gas explosion in Cameroon receded yesterday when Swiss scientists said they had detected no unusual activity in a volcanic lake near the scene of last month's disaster.

On their return, a member of the Swiss team said they had found no danger signs. Traces of carbon dioxide and various acid gases were present in the water, but only in normal quantities.

Three held for consul murder

Bogota - Colombian police have charged a man with the murder in June of Mr Geoffrey Hutchinson, Britain's honorary consul in the port-city of Barranquilla.

Prince's visit marks 350 Harvard years

The Prince of Wales today begins a busy schedule in Massachusetts, where he is to be the guest of honour at a memorial ball to mark the 350th anniversary of America's oldest university, Harvard.

Afterwards he will take part in a seminar on youth unemployment and visit British businesses in the Boston area.

Tanker armada runs Gulf gauntlet for Iran's oil

At first, you see only a heat haze and a rim of brownish smoke along the horizon. The radar gives it away, a green smudge of land to port and a little to the north-east of it, a little to the north-east of it, a series of thin outlines, like footprints on the black sea, fading and reappearing as the beam picks them out.

The extraordinary fleet of 21 ships at Larak yesterday had deliberately been scattered across 50 square miles of sea in case the Iraqis repeated their air raid on the Sirri Island terminal and flew even further down the Gulf to Larak.



President Fidel Castro of Cuba embracing Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, right, as President Ali Khamenei of Iran, left, looks on during the second day of the conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare yesterday.

Khamenei silenced by Mugabe

From a Correspondent Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, faced his first problems yesterday as incoming chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement...

President Khamenei, a grimly forbidding figure in his grey and black Muslim clerical robes, demanded the expulsion of Iraq from the Movement and rejected any attempt at mediation in the six-year Gulf War...

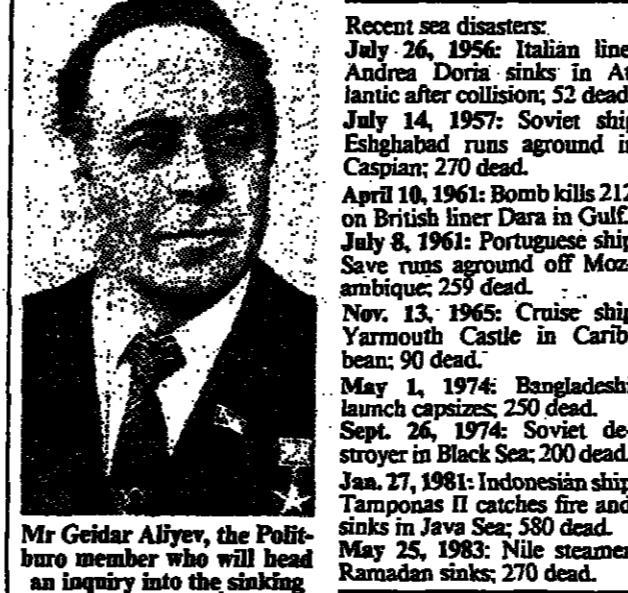
Referring to Monday's appeal by the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Mr Yasser Arafat, for Iraq to turn its guns on Tel Aviv and Pretoria, President Khamenei scornfully accused the PLO of toying with a compromise with Zionism.

Sunk Soviet liner was used by Nazis

Bremen (Reuters) - The Soviet passenger ship that sank in the Black Sea on Sunday was one of the best-known German liners built after the First World War...

According to Soviet reports, the vessel sank with 1,234 people on board after a collision with a Soviet cargo ship.

It was one of the most luxurious ships around at the time, extremely modern in its fittings and with space for 1,200 passengers.



Mr Geidar Aliyev, the Politburo member who will head an inquiry into the sinking

Journalist was 'caught red-handed'

From Christopher Walker Moscow

The Soviet authorities yesterday defended their continued detention of Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent held on suspicion of espionage...

Mr Daniloff would go to a Soviet court, which would decide whether he would be charged and face trial.

In an attempt to justify the move, Mr Daniloff's relatives are convinced it is linked directly to the arrest in New York of a Soviet employee at the United Nations, Mr Gerasimov said.

Chilean editor on charge of slander

Santiago - Chilean police have seized the latest edition of the opposition magazine, Analisis, and charged Señor Juan Pablo Cardenas...

The charge is thought to refer to the veiled call by Analisis for support for the planned day of protest tomorrow against the imprisonment of Cause's director and journalist on charges of slandering the Armed Forces.

Uganda coup plot broken

Nairobi - Twenty-five people have been arrested after the discovery of an alleged coup plot in Uganda by what a government newspaper, New Vision, described as the "massive fringe" of the Royalist movement in the former kingdom of Buganda.

Life terms for tobacco heir

Naples, Florida (AP) - Steven Benson, heir to a tobacco fortune, has been sentenced to two consecutive life terms for killing his mother and adopted brother by blowing up the family car with pipe bombs.

Bindel back

Nordenham (AP) - Herr Wolfgang Bindel, the West German ship captain said to have smuggled more than 150 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees into Canada, arrived home, saying he wished to comment later on the allegations.

Fraga switch

Madrid (Reuters) - Señor Manuel Fraga, head of Spain's right-wing Popular Alliance, has dismissed Señor George Verstrynge, the Alliance secretary-general, and replaced him with Señor Alberto Ruiz Gallardon, a lawyer aged 27.

Rocket test

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union will test fire-boosted rockets in the Pacific Ocean between September 4 and 13 and has asked international shipping and airlines not to enter the affected areas between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. local time daily.

Fallen star

The Hague (Reuters) - Rudi Koopmans, the former European boxing champion and one of the best-known sportsmen in The Netherlands, has been jailed for nine months for defacing in tashiki.

Azores floods

Ponta Delgada, Azores (Reuters) - At least three people were killed and several injured when floods destroyed homes and swept away vehicles on São Miguel island in the Azores archipelago.

Cutting down

Stockholm - In an attempt to cut drunkenness, the head of Sweden's National Social Welfare Board, Mrs Maj-Britt Sandlund, is calling for legislation forcing public houses to introduce one or two alcohol-free evenings each week.

Chirac meeting with agents denied

From Diana Geddes Paris Speculation that the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, took the opportunity of his stopover in Tahiti to visit the two French agents in detention on the atoll of Hao were denied firmly today.

Prince's visit marks 350 Harvard years

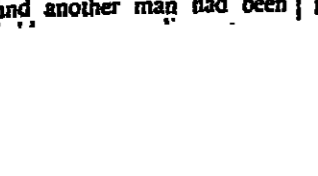
The Prince of Wales today begins a busy schedule in Massachusetts, where he is to be the guest of honour at a memorial ball to mark the 350th anniversary of America's oldest university, Harvard.

Tanker armada runs Gulf gauntlet for Iran's oil

At first, you see only a heat haze and a rim of brownish smoke along the horizon. The radar gives it away, a green smudge of land to port and a little to the north-east of it, a series of thin outlines, like footprints on the black sea, fading and reappearing as the beam picks them out.

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## Afghan mass migration plan to move 300,000 from border war zone

Kabul (Reuters) — Afghanistans plans to move as many as 300,000 people from its eastern provinces as part of a long-term strategy to develop the sensitive border with Pakistan, according to senior economic and military officials.

They would be moved from the east, where the Afghan Government is trying to seal the border against infiltrating Muslim rebels, to sparsely-populated areas near the Iranian frontier.

The voluntary moves, from Kumar, Lagman and Pakia — all areas of fierce fighting — to Farah, Helman and Nim-

roz, would be made attractive with a wide range of credits and farm supplies, they said.

The assumption is that those who stay would increasingly support Kabul.

Mountainous eastern Afghanistan, traditionally a poor and over-populated area, is the main crossing-ground for Western-backed rebels coming in from bases in Pakistan for attacks in the interior.

Soviet and Afghan forces sweep the area regularly, blocking supply routes, only to see them reopened when they withdraw.

Western diplomats here say

that Dr Najib, the energetic new Communist Party chief, appears to have opted for a full-scale "hearts, minds and wallets" campaign to build government support there and block the rebels.

One envoy said that the plan sounded like the virgin lands drive of Nikita Khrushchev, the former Soviet leader, and the new economic zones which Hanoi gave to peasants to farm after the reuniting of Vietnam.

Dr Abdul Ghaffar Lakanwal, the Agriculture Minister, stressed however that there would be benefits for those who stayed in the eastern zone.

The plan aimed, he said, to develop agriculture and light industry in the east, where there is high hidden unemployment. "So the surplus labour will have to be absorbed in the south-west."

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has been asked to help with the resettlement.

About 45,000 acres of land will come under irrigation in Helmand and Nimroz, to take up to 15,000 families in the current five-year plan, he said.

The economic development of the border areas also links with political and religious programmes to attract the fierce Pashtun tribes to the Kabul side.

Dr Lakanwal acknowledged that there may be difficulties. "We do not want to destroy the traditional ways of the people," he said. "We will not force them to move."

## Back with a jolt after record flight



The Dutch Viking touching down with a bump in The Netherlands after its record flight across the Atlantic, to the obvious delight of Willem Hageman, a crewman, marking the success with raised arms and the widest of grins.

Almere (Reuters) — Three Dutch balloonists yesterday set a record for an Atlantic crossing but narrowly escaped disaster after suddenly losing height over a busy industrial area, flight officials said.

Speaking from Schiphol airport, Amsterdam, Mr Leo Tekstra, the operations leader, said the crew was forced to ditch sacks of lead ballast over Velsen after encountering a sudden downdraught while crossing the coastline at about 5 am.

Two bags smashed through the roofs of a steel plant and a frozen fish factory, one landing in a cloakroom around clocking-on time. No one was hurt.

"They were losing height fast and had to drop ballast quickly because the burners could not compensate — it was the only way to save the balloon and themselves," Mr Tekstra said.

The 15-storey-high balloon, called Dutch Viking, gained height, skirted Schiphol and was then brought down with a jolt just after 6 am in a cornfield near here, on the south Flevoland polder reclaimed from the sea in the 1960s.

The crew, the first Europeans to cross the Atlantic by balloon and including the first woman to make the trip, did so in 50 hours and 14 minutes, taking nearly two hours off a record set in 1984 by a solo American balloonist.

Hundreds of people watched as Henk Brink, aged 43, his wife Evelien, aged 30, and Willem Hageman, aged 39, emerged shaken from the craft. Mr Brink was taken to hospital but officials said that he was only bruised from handling the burners on landing.

## Iran claims 700 Iraqis dead in twin attack

Nicosia (AP) — Iran claimed yesterday that its forces had stormed a strategic Iraqi radar installation in the Gulf while others destroyed three army bases in northern Iraq, killing 700 soldiers.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, said that the al-Amiq platform, 25 miles south of Iraq's Fao peninsula, was seized in a pre-dawn assault and its defenders killed or captured.

The agency also said that an Iraqi fighter-bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the attack. It said Iranian ships and marines later attacked the nearby al-Bakr platform "inflicting heavy casualties and damage" on the platform.

Iran claimed that Iranian coastal artillery in the southern sector of the 733-mile front pounded the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr.

The double-pronged Iranian assault in the northern and southern fronts has strengthened indications that Tehran's strategy is apparently to stretch Iraqi defences in preparation for a big push in the central sector.

Baghdad Radio later claimed in a statement that al-Amiq was deserted, but that Iraqi forces were "confronting the enemy with courage."

COLOGNE: The main Iranian opposition group, the People's Mujahidin, claimed yesterday that Tehran had pressed more than 30,000 schoolteachers into service on the Gulf War front in the past few weeks (Reuters reports).

## Exchange of views to pave way to summit

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As part of the extensive groundwork for the second superpower summit meeting scheduled for later this year, US and Soviet officials yesterday began a two-day meeting on Afghanistan — one of the regional issues likely to feature prominently in talks between Mr Gorbachev and President Reagan.

A spokesman for the US Embassy here said that the delegations would not attempt to negotiate an end to the seven-year-old conflict between Soviet-backed Afghan forces and Muslim rebels, but would exchange views in "working level" discussions.

The new talks are part of a

wide series of bilateral contacts arranged recently as part of the preparations for the summit meeting after a period of inactivity prompted by Soviet anger at the US bombing raids on Libya.

US control experts meet on Friday and Saturday.

Western diplomatic sources were pessimistic last night about the chances of any breakthrough in resolving the differences over Afghanistan.

July's announcement by Mr Gorbachev that six Soviet regiments — said to number about 8,000 soldiers — would be withdrawn by the end of the year has been dismissed as inadequate by Washington.

## China spy chief flees to West

Peking (AFP) — A senior Chinese intelligence official has defected to the West, dealing China's overseas espionage network a significant blow, reliable sources here said yesterday.

They said that the official, Mr Yu San, had been promoted director of foreign affairs for the State Security Ministry shortly before he defected in January.

The highest ranking intelligence officer known to have gone to the West since the Communists came to power in China in 1949, he is believed to know the identities of operatives engaged in Chinese spy operations overseas.

The highly secretive State Security Ministry, which deals solely with espionage and counter-espionage, was a part of the Public Security Ministry until it was made a separate government agency in June 1983.

Sources said that Chinese officials believe Mr Yu to be releasing information slowly to ensure that his hosts will not return him under pressure from Peking.

His job would have made him privy to details of China's co-operation with foreign intelligence agencies, as well as to the names of many overseas contacts co-operating with China.

One source said that Mr Yu, who is in his late 30s, had been involved with a foreign woman believed to have helped to engineer his defection during a visit to Hong Kong. Another account said he is believed to be in Taiwan.

It is not immediately known whether there is any connection between Mr Yu's case and that of Larry Wu-Tai Chin, aged 63, a Chinese-born US citizen arrested in November and convicted of having spied for China for 30 years.

Mr Chin, who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, said at his trial that a Chinese contact had defected and tipped off Washington.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment and fined \$2.5 million (£1.68 million), but committed suicide in jail by suffocating himself.

Mr Yu's family background suggests that he could have become disillusioned by the twists and turns of Chinese communist rule, analysts say, which helps to explain his decision to defect at a time when Chinese policies enjoy wide support in the West.

## Downpour 'calamity' kills six

Manila (Reuters) — Six people have died in floods sweeping the northern Philippines and President Aquino, who had to leave the presidential palace in a rubber dinghy, declared a "state of calamity" in Manila yesterday.

The Red Cross said thousands had fled their homes since Typhoon Wayne brought heavy rain to western and northern Luzon Island on Monday.

President Aquino was ferried out of the palace and took a government bus to visit two evacuation centres in suburban Quezon City.

Police and relief agencies said that four adults were drowned yesterday — one in Manila, two in the northern Pampanga province and one in Batangas, west of Manila.

In Batangas, a girl aged 18 months was also drowned when she fell from a house and a man was electrocuted.

The Government's national co-ordinating centre said that troops need amphibious lorries to rescue people.

Landslides marooned 1,500 commuters, mostly students, in Sablan town, the centre reported.

The Red Cross said that the 24-hour downpour flooded 24 towns, two cities and more than 100 villages in the provinces of Pampanga and Pangasinan.



A Manila cyclist fords a city street after Typhoon Wayne

## Three Britons arrested after Emirate robbery

Sharjah (AP) — Three Britons have been arrested in the Gulf Emirate of Sharjah on charges of committing and assisting an armed robbery in which anaesthetic gas cylinders were used, police said yesterday.

The Britons, identified as David Neil, aged 34, Morgan Owen, aged 42, and David Hanson, are said to be accused of having drugged the cashier of a local company in this Gulf Emirate and robbed him of 31,000 dirhams (£5,650) by "armed means."

Two of the suspects allegedly came from Bangkok specially for the robbery, according to police sources.

Mr Neil had previously worked as a driver at al-Gellaf Centre in Sharjah. He is being held in Sharjah. His telephone number is 97-925 3567.

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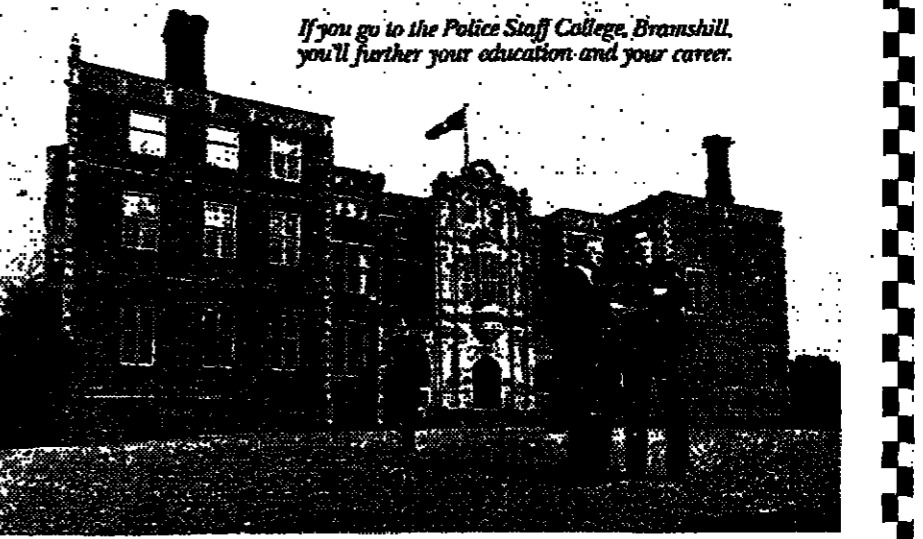
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# Rival ministers agree accord in bid to end Beirut civil war

Beirut (Reuters) — Lebanon's Christian and Muslim ministers meeting for the first time in nine months agreed yesterday on a truce and a national charter intended to end the 11-year civil war.

The Sunni Muslim Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, who called for new peace talks on August 19, announced the truce after a three-hour meeting of 10 rival ministers at the closed-down race track on Beirut's "green line" marking the religious divide.

"It was decided to announce a general open truce and to set up a national charter based on safeguarding Lebanon's unity, stressing its Arab identity, re-forming its political system, setting up a national army and liberating the south," Mr Karami said.

He said that a second meeting would be held on Friday to continue discussions on implementing yesterday's decisions.

More than 500 troops and security men cordoned the area and sharpshooters took position on rooftops.

Only a few sniper shots marred an unusual tranquility at the race-track as the ministers held their peace session.

# Walters urges European vigilance

Brussels (Reuters) — President Reagan's special envoy, Mr Vernon Walters, warned the European allies yesterday about relaxing their guard against the terrorist threat from Libya, but did not urge new sanctions against Tripoli.

Mr Walters, who is on a week-long journey to drum up support for US policy on Libya, gave his warning at a hour-long meeting with the Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans.

He also met Nato's deputy Secretary-General, Signor Marcello Guidi, for discussions that covered "the struggle against terrorism throughout the world."

He later left for Paris and a working meeting with President Mitterrand.

Mr Walters had been widely expected to press for tough anti-Libyan sanctions after Washington's dismay earlier this year at the limited support from Europe for the US position on Libya.

But government sources here said that in his talks with Mr Tindemans he did not urge new sanctions, putting the accent instead on vigilance.

● BONN: West German officials said yesterday they had no evidence that Libya was preparing terrorist actions against US installations here or elsewhere (AP reports). Fighting imperialism, page 12



Mr Vernon Walters examining a map of the Brussels Metro after his discussions in the Belgian capital yesterday. President Reagan's envoy is a collector of Underground maps.

# Murphy leaves Israel to see Husain

Jerusalem — The US assistant Secretary of State, Mr Richard Murphy, left Israel for Jordan yesterday to meet King Husain in a last-minute change of plan (David Bernstein writes).

The change was designed to enable him to meet King Husain before the Jordanian king leaves for medical treatment in Europe.

Mr Murphy said that he was sounding out the position in Jerusalem, Cairo and Amman to brief Washington.

The press here has speculated that his visit may be part of efforts by the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, to reach agreement and pave the way for an international peace conference.

Mr Peres hands over the premiership to the Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, next month, though a breakthrough could still bring down Israel's tenuous coalition Government.

# Employee beaten to death in Japan rail sell-off protest

By David Watts

Japanese radicals are nothing if not open and consistent about their intentions.

When members of the left-wing Chukaku (Middle Core) group burst into Mr Masaaki Maeda's flat and beat him with steel pipes, he had known for some time that he was a probable target.

Chukaku had denounced his support of plans to break up and privatize the Japan National Railways (JNR) system, and had said he would pay for it.

Mr Maeda, a rail employee, died two hours after he and his wife, Noriko, were attacked early on Monday morning as they slept in special JNR employees' housing not far from the port city of Kobe. Mrs Maeda's condition is serious.

In co-ordinated attacks in six different places Chukaku members injured eight others either associated with or married to members of Shinokuro, a new breakaway railwaymen's union.

Shinokuro split in April from the main rail union, Kokuro, over opposition to the privatization of JNR which will lead to extensive job losses.

Legislation calling for the break-up of JNR into regional companies and their subsequent sale to the private sector is expected to be passed by the Diet (Parliament) early next year. JNR's accumulated deficit stands at the equivalent of £101 billion.

Chukaku is the most active and well-publicized of some 25 radical left-wing groups in Japan opposed in varying degrees to the "fascist state". They champion the causes of those they feel are being trampled by the imperial and imperialist Government.

Monday's attack was the second major operation against government plans for JNR. Last winter, in an extremely efficient and well-coordinated operation in the early hours of the morning, they halted virtually the whole of JNR's Tokyo commuter lines by severing signalling and control systems.

One railway station was set alight and gutted and some Chukaku members later arrested. Millions of commuters had to find other ways of getting to work. Japanese were shocked to find just how vulnerable to attack were the capital's superb rail systems.

The attack showed that Chukaku either had infiltrated the rail union extensively or had assistance from inside JNR. Police believe the former, and consider it likely that other unions may also have been infiltrated at a time when the few national unions in Japan are on the retreat.

Chukaku is fundamentally Trotskyite. Police believe that it has about 5,000 members, with an inner "revolutionary army" of 100-200 guerrilla fighters. It was probably members of this unit who carried out Monday's attack.

When *The Times* interviewed Chukaku members in their fortress-like, banner-strewn headquarters in the suburbs of Tokyo earlier this year, their spokesman refused to discuss the movement's strength but said that springtime rallies of 15,000 protesters at the new Narita international airport gave an indication of the size of its mass support.

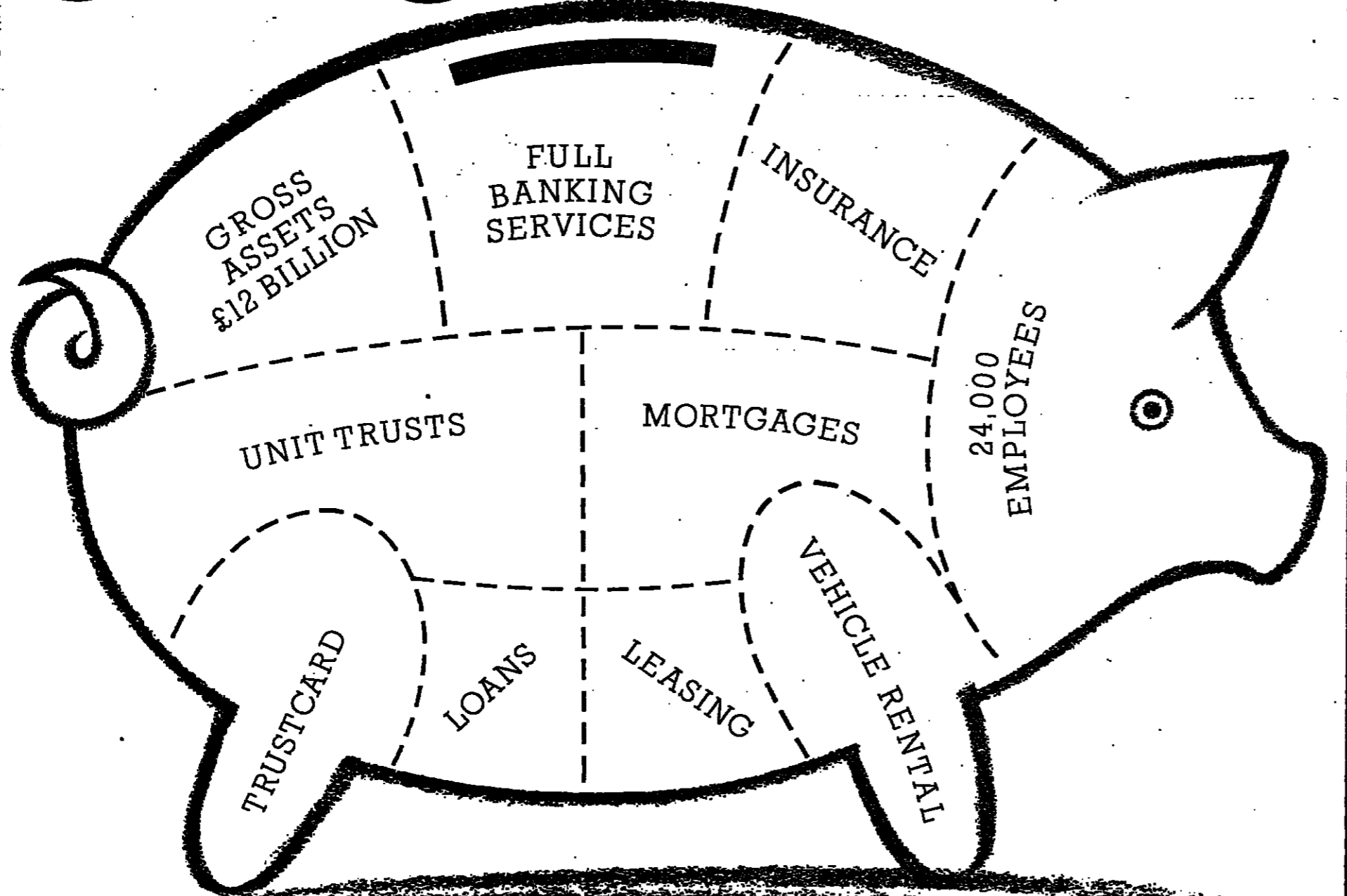
Their language is laced with the terminology of revolution and there is no doubt they are every bit as disciplined and determined as the special riot police dispatched to contain the protests. The massive material success of Japan seems only to confirm them in the rightness of their cause.

Over the years the group has been responsible for 47 deaths, including that of Mr Maeda, some of them policemen assigned to quell the massive and violent protests against the construction at Narita, two hours from Tokyo.

But most of their victims have been members of their own and other radical groups who fell out in the early 1970s and set about each other with steel pipes.

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# Human rights workers terrorized by torture

By Caroline Moorehead

Marcela Pradenas Toro and Alejandro Herrera are two young people active in the community work of the Catholic Church in the *poblaciones*, the poor suburbs of Santiago.

Both were kidnapped by clandestine forces, popularly called "unknowns", between June and October 1985 — just two of the 64 cases of abduction reported during the year.

Marcela Pradenas has been attacked three times by the "unknowns". At the time of the third attack she was under police protection. Three hooded men broke into her house and burned crosses on to her face and chest with an ordinary domestic iron.

Alejandro Herrera, kidnapped in July 1985, was cut across the throat with a pen-knife. He was asked to become an informer, and told to stay away from the local priest. A month later his house was ransacked and the words "Death to Marxists" were painted on his sheets.

Both, however, are still alive. Of the hundreds of political, human rights and community activists, as well as their friends and relations, who have been victims of the "unknowns" since 1983, many are dead or badly injured, killed by gunshots from passing cars or held and tortured.

In a new Amnesty International briefing *The Clandestine and Illegal Practices of the Security Forces in Chile*, published today, there is a disturbing echo of the period after the coup of 1973, when prisoners were held in secret torture centres and hundreds "disappeared".

These abductions, by groups known to include members of the security forces acting under cover, are just one part of a new strategy of terror, which has been intensifying since 1983 in the face of increasing public protest against government policies.

The scale of the abuses practised by the official security forces, whose powers have been extended, has risen equally sharply.

In May 15,000 people in 30 *poblaciones* were rounded up, their homes ransacked and belongings smashed.

During last year alone, 784 people were arrested on political grounds. And there appears to be marked unwillingness on the part of the court to prosecute.

Though Chilean law prohibits the use of torture, the report shows that it is being used by the security forces, not in isolated cases but as a deliberate and carefully devised practice, with doctors present and using specially designed torture equipment.

Since 1981, 10 people are known to have died as a result of torture. One of these was Juan Aguirre Ballesteros, who went missing after being detained by uniformed police in September 1984. Despite a public outcry, the police denied he was being held. After 55 days, his headless and mutilated body was found in a river near by. A young man detained with him has testified to his torture and death.

Until now, not a single member of the security forces has been convicted of torture or the killing of a political prisoner.

*The Clandestine and Illegal Practices of the Security Forces in Chile* (Amnesty International, 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R 0EJ, £1.50).



Marcela Pradenas Toro and Alejandro Herrera: victims of clandestine forces who have survived repeated attacks.

# Date fixed for Bhutto appeal

Karachi — Judges of the Sind High Court said yesterday that a petition filed by Pakistan's opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, challenging her detention under the maintenance of public order ordinance will be heard next Tuesday (A Correspondent writes).

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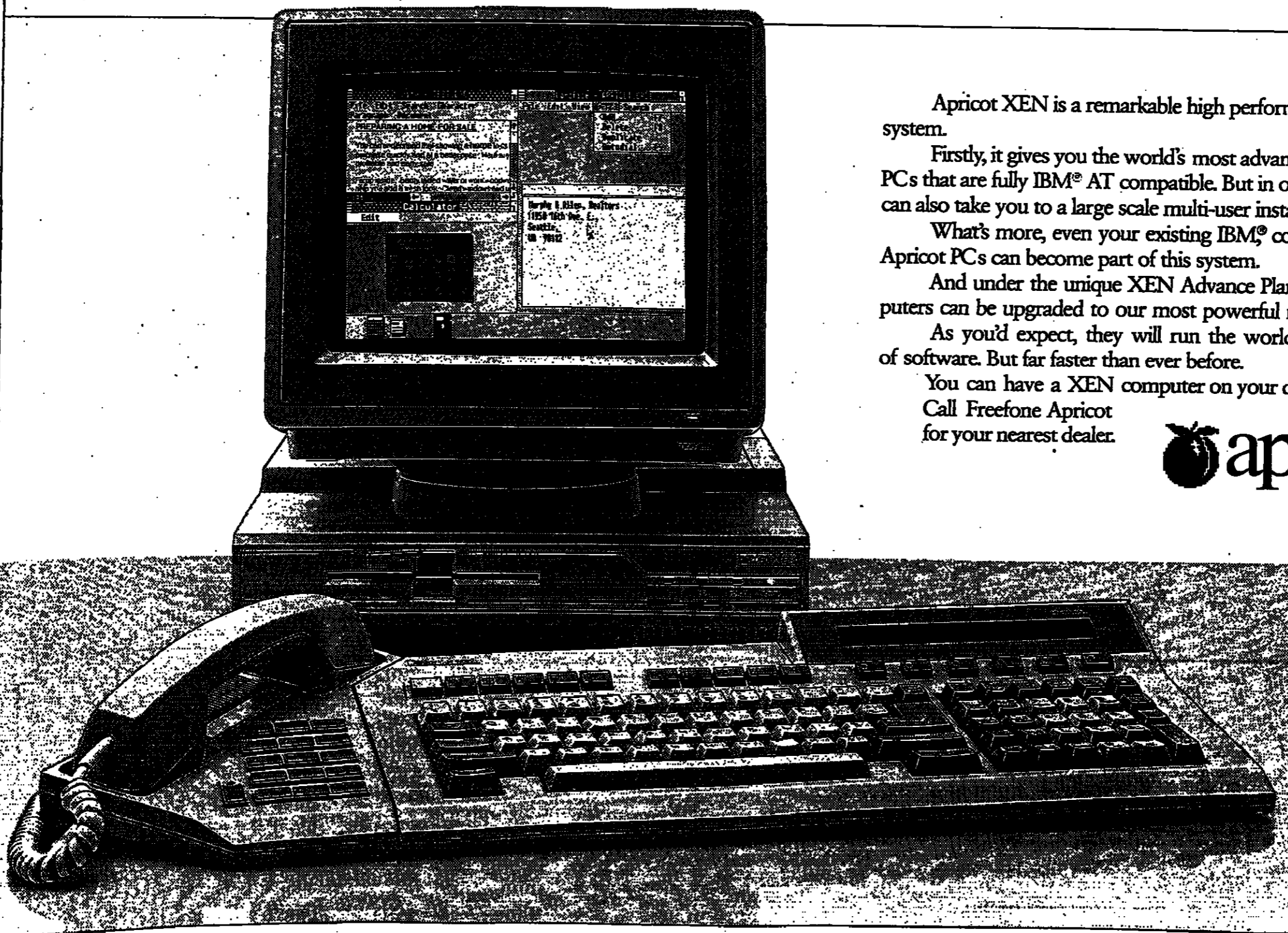
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Four million: the truant constituents

● Young people can be stimulating and full of surprises. Certainly the Times/MORI survey of attitudes and opinions among 18 to 25-year-olds, which we conclude today, supports that conclusion. The 6.2 million people who have reached voting age since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979 constitute a fascinating generation, not least because it was largely spawned by products of the Sixties, that generation socially transformed by everything from the birth pill to Indian mystics via mini-cars, mini-skirts and mega-amplification.

would be lost if the electoral tide, of which the 18-to-25s represent a potentially significant 15 per cent, was to turn against Mrs Thatcher. The words and the figures combine to demonstrate a deep-rooted cynicism amounting to political apathy.



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Michael Hufion



‘I don't think there is anything that can make Britain better. I'm not voting. Let them get on with it’

Tracy Lee Dye

Although political apathy is widespread among the new generation of voters, with only 34 per cent saying they are certain to vote at the next election, there are plenty of issues they do care about. But the MORI poll does contain still more evidence about the apathy which is their most characteristic political attitude. That 34 per cent should be set against the levels of more than 80 per cent of the over 55s, for example, who have expressed definite voting intention in other polls. It would be likely to rise were an election imminent, but there is an immediate qualification to be made on how far.



THATCHER'S CHILDREN

Part 3

The roots of apathy

More than a quarter of those polled insist that they will not be voting at all. This political apathy is surely something more than a listless unconcern for the issues of the day: rather a positive opting-out of the whole political process.

up and smack somebody and get away with it, they (the teachers) don't bother.”

This feeling was often mingled with regret at not having worked harder. In the poll, the percentage rating the education they had received as “very good” was 14; this had dropped from a figure of 22 which MORI recorded in a similar poll in 1979.

On nuclear disarmament and defence: the discussions closely reflected the poll findings, that those greatly fearing all things nuclear seemed to be fairly evenly matched by those who have a simplistic but strongly held view — it stands to reason, as it were — that you should not abandon your defences.

On education: Thatcher's children want more discipline in schools, not less. This may come as a surprise to educationalists; it certainly will to those who grew up in the 1960s, when the tide of school liberalization was in full flood. Over and over again, these young people spoke with contempt of the slack school regimes of which they readily admitted, they had taken advantage.

Michael Hufion, an 18-year-old apprentice printer from Bulwell, Nottingham: “I wanted discipline. I could have done with it earlier. I wanted somebody to guide me. I wanted somebody to say, ‘That's wrong, don't do that.’ (At school) you could go

a waste of time. They do not remember the Winter of Discontent and the issue of union power was never raised.

But any politician scanning this list and wondering which are the great vote-winners with “Thatcher's children” ought to take pause for thought: it would seem that none of them is. What was missing in the discussion groups was the automatic mental connection between these concerns and the possibility of doing something about them politically.

The most startling example concerns unemployment, the issue we revealed on Monday as being young voters' overriding worry. Over a five-year period in which it has risen by 40 per cent, the degree of blame placed on the government has halved among the young unemployed themselves.

Only 21 per cent of the young unemployed in the poll blame the government for their situation, the same figure as for all respondents. Yet in August 1981, when unemployment stood at 2,322,000, MORI found in a survey for Granada Television that the figure was 40 per cent.

What accounts for political apathy of this order among a whole generation? MORI asked those who said they would not be voting to list their reasons. “Don't understand politics” rated 25 per cent; “not interested in politics” rated 26; but top of the list was the category combining “No faith in any party/They're as bad as each other/They don't keep promises”, which were cited by 34 per cent. Cynicism, then, rather than ignorance or lack of interest, was the dominant reason.

Answers to other poll questions reflected this. Forty-four per cent thought that politicians were not sincere against 34 per cent who thought they were: more than half agreed that “most politicians don't really care what people like me really think” as against less than a third who disagreed; and nearly two-thirds agreed that “people like

me are powerless to change things in this country”.

Asked which two or three of a dozen groups of people they had most respect for, only three per cent cited MPs, a contempt rating exceeded only by that awarded to journalists (2 per cent). MORI's field workers recorded verbatim comments from those who said they would not vote, and these are typical: “I don't see the point

of it. They all say things they don't mean”. “They're all mouth and trousers. Basically all of them keep saying they will do things and none of them ever do.”

In a discussion group, unemployed Mark Smith, aged 19, from Kippax near Leeds, said: “I don't watch Question Time with Robin Day or anything, but the odd times I have turned the TV on to watch a film. I've caught the

last bit of it, and there's always... they're always seeming to try to get round the people in the audience, to win them over, but they always seem to sound as though they don't mean it.”

All politicians? Representing all parties? “I should think so, yeah. I mean, they all want to win over the voters. Conservative, Labour, SDP... when they're on TV or in Garforth main street or

in Leeds city centre or anything doing a talk, they just seem to be winning over the voters rather than trying to tell you ‘We want to change unemployment, we want to get better jobs, we want to get better education’.”

At least Mark is going to vote (although he is undecided as to which way). A real, definite non-voter is 21-year-old hairdresser Tracy Lee Dye, from Bulwell, Nottingham. She said: “I don't think there is anything that can be done that could make Britain better. I'm not voting. Let them get on with it.”

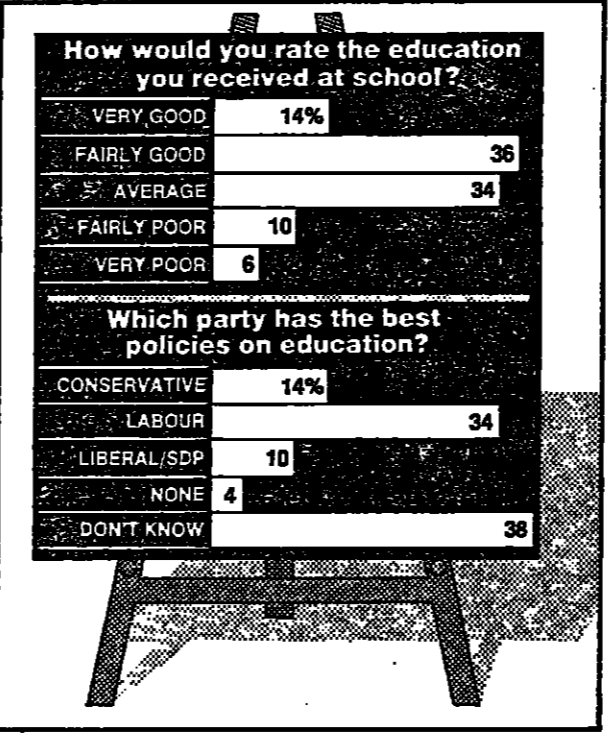
The political leader who can find the key to banishing this cynicism has a rich prize awaiting. The MORI poll indicates that of the 6.2 million young voters, about 1.1 million are committed to Labour, half a million to the Tories and about 400,000 to the Alliance. The cynical and sceptical remainder thus number more than four million: 10 per cent of the electorate up for grabs.

A dozen years ago on the London stage, a short play by an American playwright, Robert Patrick, had a profound effect on anyone who saw it; its title was Kennedy's Children. It portrayed five characters looking back on the Sixties and the sentiment that, at first, animated them all: idealism. It was a poignant testament to the New Frontier generation inspired by Kennedy in the United States.

They were not enervated by mass unemployment; they were not politically apathetic. There was no cynicism in that generation because Kennedy's children had found something and somebody they could believe in.

Hostile to the Prime Minister's dominant personality but awed by her, warm towards Neil Kinnock but not impressed by him, contemptuously disregarding both Alliance leaders, most of Thatcher's children are still waiting.

Michael McCarthy



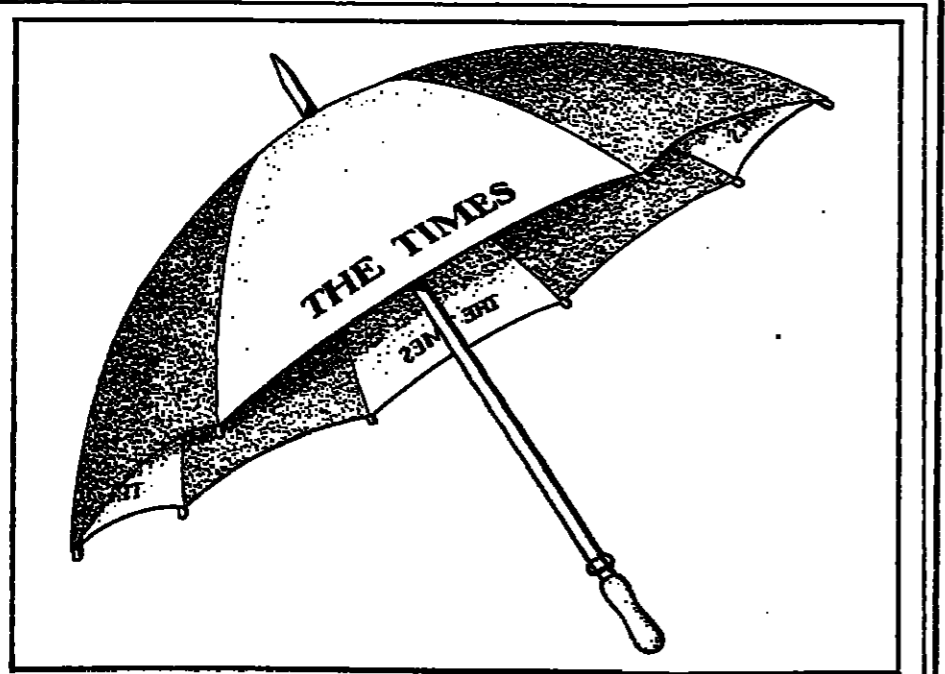
Which two or three of the following groups do you have the most respect for?

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Table with 5 columns: Statement, Agree strongly, Tend to agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree strongly, Don't know

THE TIMES UMBRELLA



The English weather makes umbrellas a necessity and the Times golf umbrella offers a stylish alternative to the rather mundane ‘brollies’ so many of us carry. Bright and attractive, the cover has bold panels of white and French Navy, with the newspaper's logo reproduced in black on each of the white panels.

Superman comes down to earth

The legendary Man of Steel now works out in a gym and meditates in Tibet as the comic-strip hero flies into the 1980s



Steel men: John Byrne with Superman old and new

A LEGEND is being reborn deep in suburban Connecticut, an hour's train ride from New York. Superman, the Man of Steel, is undergoing a transformation, known in the comic-book trade as a “fix”, to bring the first of the superheroes into the 1980s.

Superman will still be faster than a speeding bullet and more powerful than a train, but in his new earthly incarnation he will be a self-confident, body-conscious, feature writer, who works out in a gym and writes sociological science fiction in his spare time. He will still be called Clark Kent, still work for the Daily Planet, but he will be worlds away from the humble, bespectacled reporter created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in 1938.

Chief perpetrator of this assault on the character who gave birth to the comic-book industry is John Byrne, a bulky, bristle-haired cartoonist whose previous charges have included X-Men and The Fantastic Four. Putting in a strict eight-hour day at his 17-room Victorian mansion, he has produced the first of the new adventures, to be launched in the autumn.

Byrne, who was born in West Bromwich and received his first introduction to Super-

man as an eight-year-old comic fan, is conscious of treading on hallowed ground, but he agreed with DC Comics, who felt the time was right for change. “The Superman movies were like a multi-million dollar advert, but people weren't finding what they wanted in the comics”, says Byrne, aged 35. “We needed to get back to the basic elements of the legend.”

That meant the end for Supergirl, Superboy, Superdog and all the other Kryptonian hangers-on, plus the version of Superman who had married fellow reporter Lois Lane. In a major “house-cleaning” of DC Comics titles, published as the 12-part Crisis On Infinite Earths, the complete were sent to another dimension to live happily ever after.

THE FEARLESS defender of liberty, Superman is the ultimate all-American hero. When rumours of change became public, the outrage was predictable, with Byrne accused variously of plotting to turn him into a Republican, a Rambo figure and a Briar-earring Yuppie, all of which he denies. “Out there I have this image as a mad-eyed butcher, but I can't even breathe with-

out being watched over by 16 people.”

Byrne, who trained at Alberta College of Art in Canada and graduated to comic strips from commercial signwriting, has spent most of his career with the rival Marvel Comics, where he was made well aware of audience's expectations.

“Hard-core comic readers approach the circumstances as if they were real, but if something happens that they don't like, they know whom to blame. When we killed off characters, we received lots of sympathy poems. A friend of mine even received death threats, but a character like Superman doesn't generate that kind of psychosis.”

recognize”, says Byrne. His Lois Lane, with big eyes and square jaws, is based partly on movie star Rosalind Russell, partly on his actress wife Andrea: “All my women characters look like my wife. I was drawing that face, then I met that face, so I married it.”

BYRNE PROVIDES his Superman with a Nautilus machine, as a convenient cover for his other-worldly physique, and a mountain top in Tibet for meditation. He also gives him a strong streak of anti-commercialism, perhaps an envious swipe at the success of the Superman movies, which have done much more for box-office figures than for the comic strip.

Byrne is confident, however, that he has the magic elixir for his hero, who remains forever on the right side of 30. Mean-

while, Action Comics number 583, which banished the old-style Superman to the frozen wastes beyond the Fortress of Solitude, also recalls one of the most embarrassing moments in his 48-year career.

On the eve of President Kennedy's assassination, an issue was published in which Superman's life was celebrated on the TV show Our American Heroes. Clark Kent had to appear, as one of Superman's friends, and to protect his true identity he persuaded the President to impersonate him.

The story was already on the stands as news of the President's death broke, and it appeared in terrible taste. However, as John Byrne is fond of saying: “It's only lines on paper, remember that.”

Sally Dugan

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THE ARTS

Dance: the Tokyo Ballet in London

Béjart ballet in time-warp

The Kabuki Covent Garden

One of the most famous Kabuki plays is 47 Ronin...

of Congreve and Hawksmoor. Handel and Leibniz. It was a feudal society...

distinguishing manner of movement; sly, insinuating, comic with a sinister edge...

pirouettes or grands jets, then repeat the whole process within the course of a single solo...

Based on real events at the beginning of the eighteenth century, it was turned into dramatic form...

Some readers will have seen extracts from 47 Ronin performed at Sadler's Wells in 1972...

The young man's role is more conventional, standing out by its length and occasional bursts of virtuosity...

The music by Toshiro Mayuzumi (who wrote Bugaku for Balanchine) similarly combines ancient and modern, Japanese and Western elements...

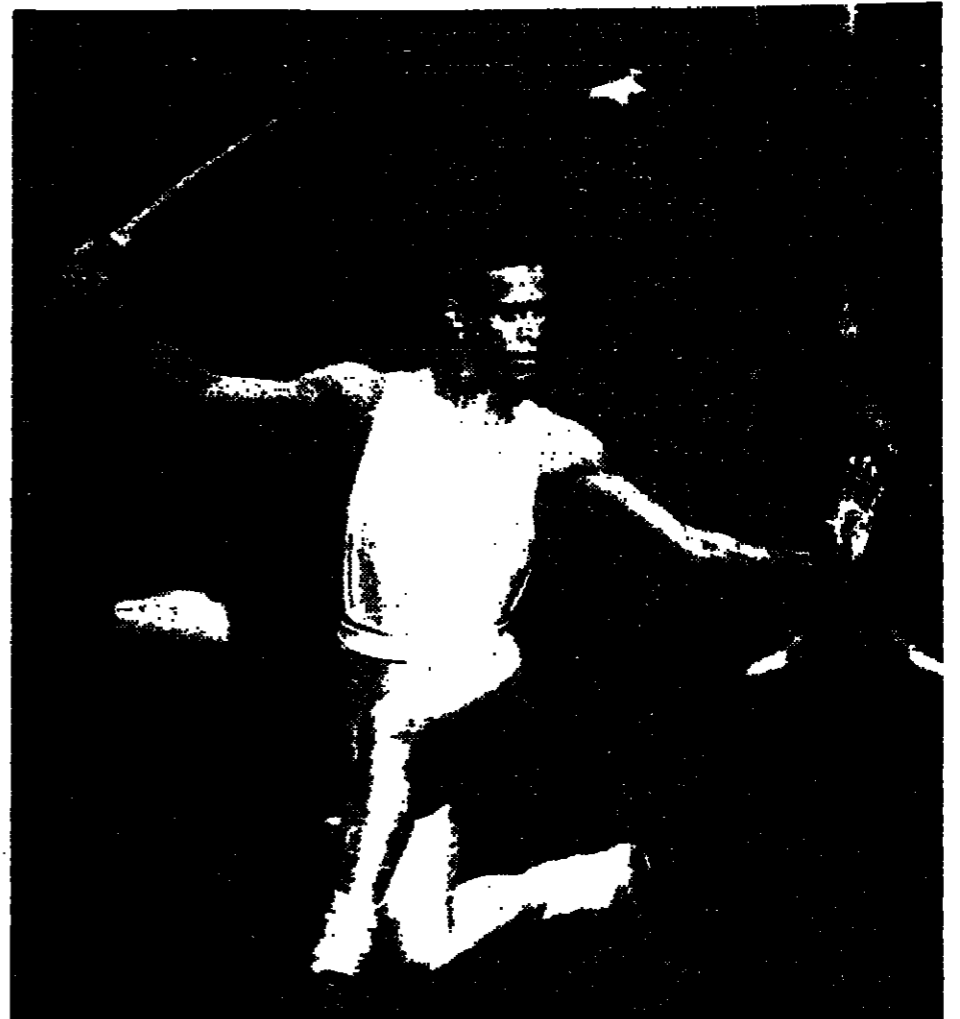
This is the subject that Maurice Béjart has taken for his creation, The Kabuki, for the Tokyo Ballet...

Most spectators, I imagine, will quickly give up on the plot. It takes two pages of close-packed programme notes to explain...

All the other characters of The Kabuki look more or less interchangeable, except that the villainous Lord Morono (Chikshisa Natsuyama) wears black lines painted on his face...

A couple of the men, unidentifiable, dance strongly in brief solos when Béjart's choreographic imagination belatedly gets into top gear for the final scene...

John Percival



Eric Vu-An in The Kabuki

British directors, young and not so young, and two veteran French film makers have dominated the opening days of the Venice Film Festival. David Robinson reports



Nanou: the English girl (Inogen Stubbs) and the industrial terrorist (Jean-Philippe Ecoffey)

Shattered dreams

Wanderlust has struck the British cinema, to judge from our national exhibits at the 43rd Venice Film Festival...

Bravely sticking it out at home, Tony Bicat's The Christmas Present is a whimsical jeu d'esprit about what happens when Mary, Joseph and the spirit of the reformed Scrooge come back respectively to seek and dispense charity...

The film represents an unexpected collaboration with the writer Trevor Griffiths. Griffiths's trim, didactic style is far from Loach's preferred method of improvisation...

The French cinema, not very strong on the international scene recently, fields the largest national entry in this year's Venice competition...

Nanou, the debut feature of Conny Templeman, a National Bangor Film School graduate, is set and shot in France, with a lot of French dialogue...

Resnais's Mélo is an odd caprice, an adaptation of an often filmed play of 1926 about love, loyalty and deception by Henri Bernstein...

James Ivory's A Room with a View, of course, is the story of an earlier and faster-developing Englishwoman abroad...

The style is daring only in its monotony; the text and the playing of Sabine Azéma and André Dussollier and the overall elegance is just sufficient to keep interest alive...

The wonder of Davis's interpretation of the first movement was how he managed to make those normally savage climaxes - passages designed to tear the music's momentum apart - so comfortable and sonorous...

Rohmer's Le Rayon vert is the best film seen in Venice so far. Number five in his series of "comedies and proverbes", it differs from its predecessors in relying on improvisation rather than Rohmer's usual precise script...

Richard Morrison

The Maintenance Man Comedy

It has been said that the main cause of marital collapse is not adultery but carpentry, and this view gets strong support in Richard Harris's new play...

Bob, a television writer who quits the stormy matrimonial home to live with an understanding physiotherapist, is in most respects a stock character...

Not only is he ready to pay all the family bills, he also has a passion for home improvement which survives the collapse unscathed...

That sounds like a comic device; but although it frequently spirals into desperate laughter, The Maintenance Man is not a comedy...

The role of Diana is underwritten, but Susan Penhaligon scores whenever she is released from prosaic adultery into comic nightmare...

Theatre For King and Country Greenwich

setting seems to be partly objective, and partly inside Bob's head.

The opening scene with the shelves for instance, gives way to a monologue in which he outlines his plight...

The impression of Roger Clissold's production is of a little intelligent play struggling to escape a morass of pain and guilt...

Alan Strachan's production also suffers by comparison with the Joseph Losey film version, which had Tom Courtenay and Dirk Bogarde in the principal roles...

Here, Paul, Clarkson plays the condemned Private Hampt as a gawky, unsoldierly

Irving Wardle

Advertisement for 'DUTCH LANDSCAPE' featuring paintings, prints and drawings from Haarlem and Amsterdam 1590-1650. Includes contact information for The National Gallery.

squaddie whose frankness and eagerness to please lend weight to the repeated image of his pending execution as putting down a dog. The trouble with Hamp - a volunteer of 1914 who finally, unexpectedly, cracked under the strain - is that throughout the ordeal of the court martial and the subsequent wait for his last dawn, he remains polite and obedient, rather like Schweik without the satirical intent...

Martin Cropper

Advertisement for Steinway pianos, highlighting craftsmanship and sound quality. Includes contact information for Steinway Hall in London.

Advertisement for Vanessa Ford Productions Classical Season, featuring King Lear and The Importance of Being Earnest. Lists various theatre venues and dates.

Advertisement for Vanessa Ford Productions Presents, featuring Dawn Treader. Lists various theatre venues and dates.

Advertisement for The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, featuring a 'gloriously thrill-packed fantasy adventure'. Lists various theatre venues and dates.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet
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FT 30 Share 1320.0 (-2.7)
FT-SE 100 1667.8 (-5.0)
Bargains 21683
USM (Datastream) 127.24 (+0.29)
THE POUND
US Dollar 1.4895 (-0.0010)
W German mark 3.0237 (+0.0099)
Trade-weighted 71.1 (+0.1)

Kalms' pay doubled
Mr Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons Group which failed in its £1.9 billion takeover bid for Woolworth, earned £487,654 last year, up from £208,334 previously.

Coffee market set for record
The London coffee futures market traded its one millionth contract of the year yesterday and is on course to beat the previous annual record of 1.37 million lots, traded in 1979.

IMI ahead
Pretax profits at IMI, the metal refining and engineering group, rose from £22.6 million to £30.5 million in the first half of 1986.

Brammer up
Pretax profits at Brammer, the bearings and industrial services group, rose from £5.7 million to £6.1 million in the first half of 1986.

Ambrit issue
Ambrit International's rights issue was accepted for 83.54 per cent of shares on offer but the company says it was not possible to sell the remainder of the shares on the market at a premium.

Offshoot sold
United Transport Company has sold its subsidiary, United Contract Hire, to Ryder Truck Rental for £2.5 million in cash.

Oil price rise
Egypt is raising the price of the five crude oils it exports by 50 cents a barrel for the first 15 days of September.

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STOCK MARKETS
New York 1885.67 (-2.67)
Dow Jones 5310 (+110)
Tokyo 18894.93 (-125.82)
Nikkei Dow 1930.61 (+27.59)
Hong Kong 297.3 (+2.6)
Amsterdam Gen 1211.4 (+11.7)
Sydney AD 2138.8 (+17.1)
Brazils:
General 3877.21 (+24.63)
Paris: CAC 412.5 (SAME)
Zurich:
SKA General 534.30 (SAME)
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INTEREST RATES
London:
Bank Base 10%
3-month interbank 9 1/8-9 3/8%
3-month mortgage bills 9 1/2-9 3/4%
buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 7 1/4%
Federal Funds 5 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bills 5 1/2-5 15/8%
30-year bonds 10 1/2-10 3/4%

CURRENCIES
London:
New York £ \$1.4895
Paris £ DM 3.0237
Frankfurt £ Sfr 2.4398
Zurich £ FF 9.9089
Yen £ 229.68
Indec 71.1
ECU £ 0.93680
SDR 2 1/8

German and US growth eases rate cut pressure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent
Another round of international interest rate cuts, led by the West German Bundesbank, became less likely yesterday with the publication of official figures suggesting a pick-up in economic growth.

Ex-Singer business for market at £49m

By Cliff Feltham
A group of investors who paid £11 million last year for the European arm of the Singer sewing machine business is to float it on the London stock market with a price tag of £49 million.

Frankfurt (Reuters) - Volkswagen AG shares and West German stocks in general are expected to make further gains from the terms of the DM300 million nominal preference share issue by the carmaker, dealers and analysts here believe.

Volkswagen shares rise on issue terms

Analysts said that the relatively low issue price of DM350 per nominal DM50 preference share and the fact that the new stock would pay full dividend on 1986 results made the one-for-four rights issue an attractive offer.

Wico not up for sale says Exco

By Alexandra Jackson
Mr William Matthews, managing director of Exco International, the financial services group, yesterday denied there was any strength in the rumours that Wico, its Far Eastern stockbroking business, was up for sale.

Guinness repayment

Two weeks after Guinness confronts shareholders to seek approval for its controversial boardroom changes more special meetings are being called - but these should be a lot less stormy.

KIO steps in

The Kuwait Investment Office has emerged as the owner of 14.16 per cent of TI, the Raleigh bicycles industrial conglomerate. The Kuwaitis disclosed their stake yesterday. The market believes it was bought from Evered Holdings, the fast expanding industrial group.

Rolls-Royce to collaborate in building fighter engine

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent
Farnborough Air Show this week that Rolls-Royce was in breach of a collaboration deal precluding it from selling engines of the size needed by BA.



Alan Sugar: market will never be the same again

Personal computer coup for Amstrad

By Teresa Poole
Amstrad Consumer Electronics yesterday launched its new range of IBM-compatible personal computers and priced the basic model at just £399 plus VAT.

Denial for Ansbacher vote claim

By Richard Lander
The Exel Group yesterday formally denied allegations by Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, that there had been discrepancies in two shareholders' votes which approved the \$40 million (£26 million) purchase of Dealers' Digest, an American publishing company.

Gold and platinum hit highs

By Our City Staff
The international bullion markets continued their strong advance yesterday. At one stage, platinum touched a six-year high of \$658 an ounce.

Weak sterling pulls reserves down by £95m

By Our Economics Correspondent
Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by an underlying \$141 million (£95 million) last month, as the pound weakened against the European currencies.

Weak sterling pulls reserves down by £95m

The drop in reserves, while larger than market analysts had expected does not suggest heavy intervention in the foreign exchange markets in support of the pound by the Bank of England. However, some dealers have detected modest intervention when the pound has moved near to the DM3 level against the mark.

Weak sterling pulls reserves down by £95m

Yesterday, the pound was steady. The sterling index rose by 0.1 to 71.1. The pound recovered from Monday's low of DM3.0170 to close at DM3.0255, and ended fractionally down against the dollar at \$1.4895.

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Gold touched a high of \$397 during the day before speculators started selling. It is believed to be covering production for the early part of 1987.

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Pearson 2810 (+110)
Abbay Panels 2800 (+250)
Lockers 1970 (+120)
Western Motor 1450 (+70)
Nationwide Lens 740 (+76)
Combined Leasing 1450 (+70)
Traghar Julia 680 (+180)
Borland 1800 (+80)
United Scientific 1800 (+120)
Paisley 3350 (+100)
APV 2850 (+200)
Wilson (Corn) 2850 (+70)
Ward Holdings 2710 (+80)
FALLS:
Netwest 5620 (-100)
Thorn EMI 2710 (-140)
Addvaco B 2710 (-140)
Rogier A 1130 (-80)
RT Zinc 6090 (-150)
Evans Halshaw 1320 (-100)
Brammer 2850 (-110)

GOLD
London Fixing:
AM \$395.50 pm \$393.25
Close \$392.50-\$393.50 (2263.25-264.00)
New York:
Comex \$392.70-393.20
NORTH SEA OIL
Brent (Oct) pm \$15.10/bbl (\$14.89)
Denotes latest trading price





STOCK MARKET REPORT

Leaders slip as investors miss lead from Wall St

The markets paused for breath after the strong run of the past six trading sessions. The lack of a lead from Wall Street closed for Labour Day on Monday tended to dampen investment enthusiasm for leading shares but overall speculative situations at favourable trading statements provided a firm undertone.

The FT 30-share index closed down 2.7 at 1,320.0 while the broader FT-SE 100 index finished the day at 1,667.8, down 5.0.

Gifts were neglected again recording falls to one-quarter among conventional stock but index-linked issues found modest support.

Leading industrials shedding 2p to 8p included Thorn EMI at 49.4p, Grand Met 40.1p and Allied-Lyons 35.3p. Courtland resisted the trend at 27.9p up 7p helped by strong option activity.

Food cases a few pence with Bernard Matthews down 1.4p to 27.1p on the denial of bid approaches. Alcon attracted speculative interest at 18.2p in generally firm textiles.

Chemicals were wanted, helped by the strength of the German mark. Croda International added 3p to 150p on the sale of its Masterlube

business. Laporte reporting later this month improved 5p to 388p.

Oil lost ground but consortium bid rumours continued to stimulate activity in IC

Newage Transmissions, which manufactures and assembles gear boxes for dumper trucks, is coming to the USM after the placing of 3.5 million shares at 75p, valuing the company at \$8.8 million.

Gas up 4p to 480p after touching 488p. Pearson Group advanced 10p to 531p ahead of interim figures next Tuesday.

Delta Group jumped 8p to 194p in expectation of good profits next week while Hall Engineering shares were hoisted 12p to 186p

APV which earlier this year fought off a bid from Siebeck 20p to 583p ahead of next week's interim results. Nationwide Leisure moved up 7p to 74p on reports that Rainbow Group of New Zealand had acquired a 5 per cent holding.

Irish Stocks recovered behind a lead of Jefferson Smarfit at 239p up 9p.

Canadian expansion plans supported Westwood Daves at 72p up 5p. IPECO at 116p and P&W MacLellan at 58p both rose 4p ahead of statements later this month.

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Group, placed at 43p following a reverse takeover of Stanelco, started life at 50p, advanced 58p and closed at 55p.

Lord Holdings recovered 8p to 271p in a firm building sector where Wilson (Connolly) gained 7p to 268p in front of today's figures.

Combined Leasing also reporting up 7p to 145p.

Optimistic profits forecast with the annual report helped GM Flirt at 72p up 2p.

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Austrian steel anger at 'British solution'

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Amid accusations from Opposition politicians that it was adopting a "cruel British solution," the Austrian government yesterday announced its plans to reform the country's ailing nationalized steel company, Voest Alpine.

The flagship of Austrian industry, Voest Alpine ran into trouble six months ago when it was discovered that millions of pounds had been lost by its managing board's ill-advised speculation in Middle East oil.

The then Austrian Chancellor, Dr Fred Sinowatz, promised far-reaching reforms, but his resignation after Dr Kurt Waldheim's victory in presidential elections was followed by the appointment of Herr Franz Vranitsky as finance minister.

Herr Vranitsky yesterday defended his plans and denied that they were unfeeling or a "national tragedy."

The profit was transformed into overall loss of Aus\$125.86 million after extraordinary items. The interim dividend is cut from 5 cents to 3 cents.

COMMENT VW mega-rights tests privatization pothole

Volkswagen has tested the strength of the West German stock market and found it firm. Its shares rose before the announcement of the terms of its record-breaking rights issue and rose again in post-bourse trading once the terms were known.

One was its sheer size, outstripping the previous largest capital raising in Germany. The German market has had to absorb a great deal of new paper this year.

This is symptomatic of the market's growing strength over the past decade, establishing it as the world's fourth largest after the UK. Since the trough of 1972, share prices have risen more than 230 per cent, compared with a 130 per cent rise in London.

The other potential threat to the VW issue was the overhanging promise of privatization which will release the 40 per cent shareholding, split

equally between the Federal government and the State of Lower Saxony, on to the market next year. The flood of paper that will cause has not damped enthusiasm for VW shares in Germany, but it is causing caution among British investors.

The most bizarre aspect is that non-voting shares were chosen because they would not dilute the voting power of the majority shareholders.

It confirms the impression that privatization has only a lukewarm following in Bonn. Left to themselves, the Free Democrats would probably pursue privatization with a will.

For Tincos the time for talking must be over. Its high profile and excellently-presented campaign has failed to produce the settlement it was aimed at. Let battle commence.

Tin war beyond words

The Government is keeping its cards close to its chest in the face of a flurry of accusations and warnings from the group of 11 metal brokers threatening to sue it for the losses they sustained from the tin débacle.

These losses are likely to be in the region of £160 million, although they could still soar to £400 million, plus interest and costs, if the legal challenge to the London Metal Exchange's ring out deal is successful.

The 11 brokers, who formed Tinco Realisations are petitioning to wind up the International Tin Council as a first step towards fixing liability on one, some, or all of the 22 member countries who were signatories to the ill-fated sixth International Tin Agreement.

Tinco has been advised by some of the most eminent barristers in the land that the member countries are jointly and severally liable for the ITC's debts. This could be a useful weapon since, if correct, it means that

any member can be sued for the debts of all.

That member or group would then have the unenviable task of trying to recover from all the other member countries their share of the liability.

This argument could, however, dampen the possibility of a negotiated settlement with individual countries. The British Government, for example, is liable on the basis of its contribution to the ITC for only 4 per cent of the total debts and at the time of the rescue plan for the market it was prepared to pay its share.

The failure of the rescue plan coupled with the actual and threatened legal action against the Government have obliged it to deny liability without giving reasons, because, for tactical reasons, it does not want to reveal its hand.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: Share Name, Price, Change. Includes Hils Ergonom (82p), Hughes Food (20p), etc.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table with columns: Share Name, Price, Change. Includes Aid Ind Bk N/P, BSA Sp N/P, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Contract Name, Open, High, Low, Close, Est Vol. Includes Three Month Sterling, Three Month Eurodollar, etc.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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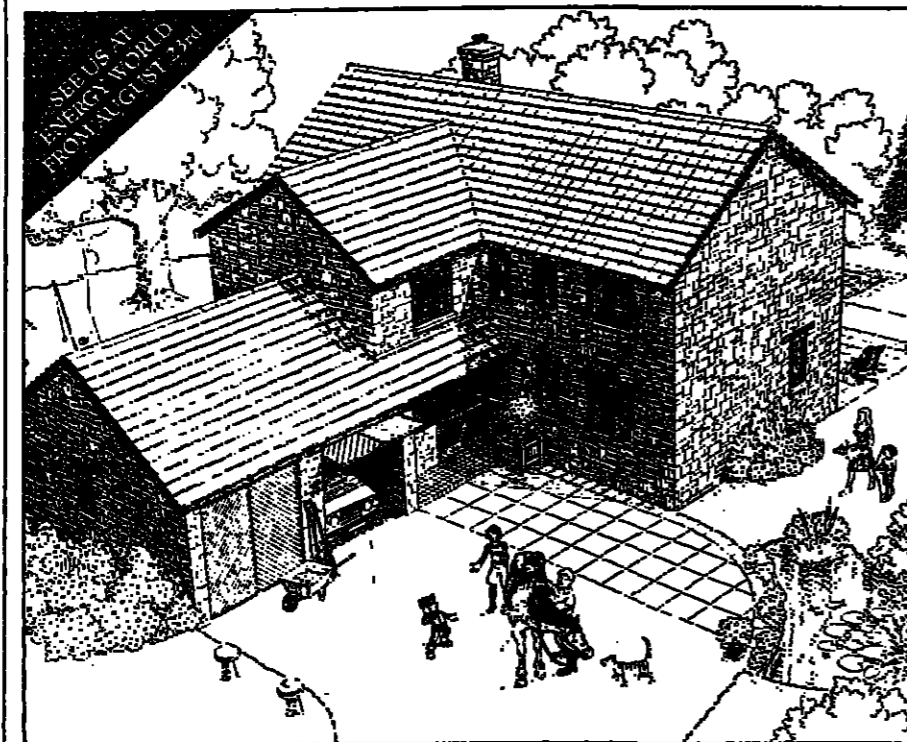




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SPORT

Childs puts Essex on brink of their fourth title

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

FOLKESTONE: Essex (22pts) beat Kent (6) by 23 runs. Essex won their first county championship in 1979. By beating Kent yesterday they made sure, to all intents and purposes, of winning it for the fourth time and for the first time under Graham Gooch.

Nottinghamshire, the only side with a realistic chance of catching Essex before yesterday, would probably not have been greatly impressed by Kent's performance. But Kent were under as much of an obligation to themselves to try and win the match as they were to Nottinghamshire to save it at any cost, and it was an entertaining day's cricket.

Essex took their chance very well. Technically, Nottinghamshire are now the only side that can catch them; but for that to happen Nottinghamshire would have to get maximum points from their last three games and Essex fewer than eight from their last two.

John Childs was again the Essex match-winner, taking his tally of wickets for the season to 89 and since the start of August to 53. Finding another helpful pitch he kept his head and his length and his line. At 35, he is having the time of his life, thanks not least to Fred Titmus, who took him in hand last winter, encouraging him to attack rather more than he used to do, to bowl a little faster and run a little further.

Gower steps down. David Gower is to be replaced as captain of Leicestershire. The 29-year-old batsman, who was relieved of the England captaincy earlier in the summer, has held the position since 1984, the year he was given the England leadership. Gower will receive a benefit from the county next year and Mike Turner, the club's secretary, gave that as the main reason for the decision.

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Watford land their man

Watford yesterday completed the signing of the Everton midfielder player, Kevin Richardson, for a fee of £250,000. Richardson, aged 23, signed a contract and joined his new colleagues in training after being given the all-clear following a medical examination and X-rays.

Richardson, who had been at Goodison Park for seven years, had refused to sign a new contract because he wanted regular first team football. The Watford manager, Graham Taylor, said: "No-one can guarantee first team football forever, but he will start in the first team against Wimbledon on Saturday."

Andy Gray, who has not played this season following two knee operations during the summer, could also come in. Neale Cooper, Villa's £350,000 signing from Aberdeen, who has been out with a groin strain, plays in a reserve game at Sunderland. Alan Hansen, the Liverpool captain, has recovered from the calf strain he sustained in Saturday's 2-1 win over Arsenal which means the League champions are likely to be unchanged for tonight's match at Leicester City.

Essex kept up the momentum when Ellison and Aslett both fell to Childs, Aslett having played admirably. East had a difficult time at the wicket yesterday, but when, at 117, he stumped Aslett the chances of a Kent victory had almost gone. But not quite. Dilly and Marsh added 33, there being no deep-seated field to stop them. Then Marsh, who was full of go, made 10 more with Underwood. In the end, though, chasing runs was just too hazardous a business.

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Finns miss experience. Helsinki (Reuter) - Hannu Turunen, the experienced midfielder player, is missing from Finland's squad for the 1986 European championship qualifying match against Wales here on September 10. He is on crutches after suffering a leg injury but Martti Kuusela, the chief coach, is keeping open a place for him in the hope that he will be fit for the group six tie.

Botham's all-clear. The final obstacle standing between Ian Botham and England's tour of Australia this winter was removed yesterday. A statement issued by the Test and County Cricket Board said that The Sun newspaper had announced it would not be lodging an appeal against yesterday's High Court judgement in favour of the Board's writing ban.

Motor Cycling. A debut for Suzuki by Mackenzie. Niall Mackenzie, who made a strong impact in the final three rounds of the 500cc world championship this season, will make his first British appearance on the factory Skoal Bandit Suzuki at the Shell Oils King of Thruxton meeting on Saturday. The Scot, aged 25, who finished a creditable 11th in the grand prix title, will race in two Shell Oils 1300cc races at the Hampshire track.

Snooker. Taylor's joy is short-lived. Jimmy White swept through a high class field to win the Camu Malaysia Masters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. White beat the former world champion, Dennis Taylor, 2-1, in the final after Taylor had gained revenge for defeat in the China Masters final at the hands of Steve Davis with a 2-1 semi-final win over the world No.1.

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Australian punchline: Turnbull clenches her fist as she knocks out the champion Mandlikova's early exit as she falls to Turnbull

Hana Mandlikova, who defeated Chris Lloyd and Martina Navratilova in consecutive matches to win the title last year, was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 by Wendy Turnbull in the fourth round of the United States championships on Monday night. Miss Mandlikova has not been stopped at such an early stage of the tournament since 1975 and it is 13 years since the women's champion has been dismissed so soon.

Results, page 33. The seedings were less remarkably confounded when Manuella Maleeva recovered from match point down to beat Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. The German's form has hit something of a plateau this year but she played well to lead 5-2 in the third set. At 5-4 Miss Kohde-Kilsch had her match point but served a double-fault. Like other unusually tall young women on the circuit, she often seems to lack self-assurance. The psychological implications are obvious.

Signing. Leeds have secured the services of the Cronulla centre, Andrew Eringshausen, one of the most promising young threequarters in Australia.

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Caution for a man's game

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It was a melancholy coincidence which saw of my rugby season open with the news of a player being jailed for violence on the field. At a time when all four home unions are more than ever conscious of the game's image the sentence passed on David Bishop, the Pontypool and Wales scrum half, subject though it is to appeal - could hardly have been timed worse.

The Welsh Rugby Union meet tomorrow to consider the case which was brought privately against Bishop by Chris Jarman, the Newbridge lock, who was the subject of Bishop's unwanted attentions during a club game last year. It can hardly be denied that Bishop has brought the game into disrepute and, in view of the hard line laid down on indiscipline by the Welsh Rugby Union last season, a severe if not permanent expulsion from the game may be debated.

But even allowing for Pontypool's less than genteel approach to the game, the problem of violence is one with which all four home unions have to deal. Last month a Midlands club player was banished from the game and, I understand, the case of a player who assaulted a referee was sent to the Procurator-General in Scotland before being referred back to the Scottish Rugby Union.

There will be a traditional school of thought which says that rugby is a "man's game" and should be left alone to deal with its own sinners; that if the spotlight fell this time on Bishop, others as guilty and more guilty than he have got away with it in the past. That is baloney. If a player cannot control himself in a game where physical violence is so easy to perpetrate he should not be allowed to play it.

Valley of the Mauls

Alan Jones, the Australian coach, whose second string crushed Thames Valley 31-7 in Australia's penultimate Rugby Union match in New Zealand in a game marred by fighting, complained about the home side's over-aggressiveness. They were understood to be angered by the Australians walking out of the small town's hotels because they were considered inadequate.

Those who played the game 30 or more years ago will tell you it was a far rougher sport but that incidents of foul play tended to go unreported and lacked the critical eye of television. A former colleague of mine used to complain that when football supporters broke up a train it was hooliganism but if rugby supporters did the same to a hotel it was high spirits.

Rugby in the 1980s does not permit such excesses. I believe there are other cases of assault on a rugby field going through the appropriate judicial procedures. The general public are so much more aware of their rights in law these days that if rugby players do not understand now that they remain culpable before civil authority they never will.

The governing bodies of the game must ensure that they do not relinquish control of discipline to the law courts. It has been said often enough in these columns that these cases of violence would not arise in such number if players who were known things - however charming and sociable many if they were unduly away from the field of play - were not picked. The answer lies in the hands of national, regional and club selectors.

In other areas where the game has run up against contemporary social problems it has acquitted itself well. Drug-testing, for instance, which was virtually unthinkable 10 years ago, has been carried out on senior international squad members in England and Scotland.

The numbers involved are not large and, as far as I am aware, no positive results have been obtained. In the case of the Scottish schoolboys parents will be kept informed at all stages but it is an area in which the sports councils of the various countries have been pressing governing bodies hard for action, and rugby has accepted the responsibility.

But it is worth bearing in mind that we are moving into the age of the rugby player as an athlete; that many national squads are being introduced to athletic techniques in their preparation for the game. If rugby can adopt some of the virtues of athletics it may also adopt some of its vices and the problem of drug abuse is one that the athletics authorities world-wide are desperately trying to eradicate. Rugby cannot say it has not been warned.

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